

Veterans of the USA will hold their 50th anniversary convention May 5-7, in Sandusky, OH.

The city of Sandusky is a community renowned for its civic pride and commitment to service. It is an appropriate host to this most special of guests, the Catholic War Veterans. As a veteran myself, I am aware of the exemplary service rendered by groups such as the CWV. Throughout its history there has never been a lack of enthusiasm or volunteer labor for its many projects.

Several years ago, I was honored to be chosen Outstanding Legislator of the Year by the Department of Ohio, Catholic War Veterans. It is one of the most cherished honors I have received in my years of public service.

Anniversaries are a time to reflect upon past accomplishments. They are also a time to look toward new horizons. The Catholic War Veterans have made it their responsibility to serve those in need by keeping pace with the ever increasing challenges facing mankind.

It is obvious that the people of Ohio and our Nation as a whole have greatly benefited from the effort that was started in 1945. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of the Department of Ohio, Catholic War Veterans and encourage them to continue to build upon their proud tradition of service in Ohio.

CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a few very important people from eastern Long Island. Mike Leonardi, Rita Rech, Terri Germano, and Paul Casiano will all be honored on Friday May 5, 1995 for their exemplary service to the community by receiving the Bay Area Civic Association's Third Annual Citizen of the Year Award. Each of these individuals has distinguished themselves in the community in his or her own way. Mike Leonardi is not only the Mastic Beach fire commissioner, but an assistant to the Brookhaven Town Council. Rita Rech is an active member of both the Bay Area Civic Association and the Mastic Park Civic Association. She embodies the true volunteer spirit in all of her activities. Beyond her service to eastern Long Island as a library employee, Terri Germano has dedicated time to the coordination of events for the Smith Point Beach Youth Project. Paul Casiano, as principal of Moriches Elementary School, has led them to become a National School of Excellence. Throughout his career, Paul Casiano has been an important link between his students and the community participating in both community and district activities. I would like to commend these dedicated members of the Long Island community for their service and dedication. We are proud and lucky to have them as neighbors.

TRIBUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS NATIONWIDE

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who serve and protect our communities in Pennsylvania and across the Nation.

It is appropriate today to recognize these brave men and women, especially those in the Keystone State, because today is the 90th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Police. The first police organization of its kind, the Pennsylvania State Police was born of legislation that was signed into law by Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker on May 2, 1905.

In speaking with many of my colleagues in the House, I know that the Pennsylvania State Police enjoy an excellent reputation throughout the country—especially for their vigilance in maintaining safe highway travel. I have even had a few staffers who, in their enthusiasm to arrive at events in the Fifth Congressional District on time, have come to fully appreciate the keenness of their watchful eyes.

But while ensuring safe going for motorists is one of our police officers' most commonly known duties, it only scratches the surface of their tremendous breadth of responsibility. In northwestern and northcentral Pennsylvania, we are appreciative of and committed to the rural way of life. By maintaining safe streets and peaceful neighborhoods, our State and local officers of the law contribute invaluable to the preservation of our heritage.

On this special day, I rise to honor those who serve, those who have served, and those who have given their lives to protect our families, neighborhoods and friends. They are deserving of our most sincere thanks, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize them here today.

IN MEMORY OF PAUL MARUYAMA

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a man who was a true American—a man who truly believed in and lived the ideals of this country—his name was Paul Maruyama.

He came to the United States from Japan in 1934 to complete his education. Shortly after the start of World War II he and his wife Mary were given 48 hours to sell their possessions and report for internment in a camp—they were both American citizens. During relocation after the war, Paul and his family settled in St. Louis.

Paul spent the rest of his life in St. Louis working to make our community a better place to live. He became an importer of Japanese products and a consultant for Japanese and American companies who desired to do business in each other's country. He was given the title of "Goodwill Ambassador" for his work in promoting friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and his adopted country.

The list of his civic accomplishments is too long to enumerate but include: the founding of the Japan-American Society of St. Louis, serving as the honorary Consul-General of Japan, establishing the St. Louis Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League, conducting citizenship classes for Japanese who wanted to become citizens, and the establishment of the Sister Cities Program between Suwa City, Japan and St. Louis.

Paul's legacy is faith—faith in the values and ideals of this country. He never let his mistreatment during the war affect his attitude. He always believed this was the greatest nation in the world and loved and supported his adopted country every day. The St. Louis community has lost a good friend in Paul Maruyama—the United States of America has lost a true patriot.

TRIBUTE TO LEROY F. SMITH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Leroy F. Smith, a man who has contributed greatly to the community of Brooklyn, NY. Mr. Smith is a graduate of the New York public school system. He attended Boys High School in Brooklyn, and received a B.B.A. from Brooklyn College and his M.B.A. from the University of South Carolina.

Leroy has combined his academic training with community activism and professional experience to make meaningful contributions to my congressional district and greater Brooklyn.

Mr. Smith works tirelessly. Currently he serves as the president of a Bedford Stuyvesant tenant association, in addition to being the president of the Williamsburg-Throop-Marcus Garvey Blvd. Block Association. He is also a member of the 79th Precinct Community Council and the Willoughby Square Corporation. His past endeavors included service on the board of directors for the Bedford Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corporation, and he is past president of various PTA organizations at Satellite East J.H.S., O.S. 44, and J.H.S. 258. Additionally, Mr. Smith served as a legislative aide to Assemblyman William F. Boyland, and he was one of 13 members of the Brooklyn Congress of Racial Equality [CORE] who walked 250 miles to attend the 1973 March on Washington.

I am pleased to introduce Leroy Smith to my House colleagues and to congratulate him for his valuable service to the community.

ARON S. EGNER WINS AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest was